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Veterinary Care
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that poor veterinary care has put the people at increased risk of contracting diseases transmitted through animals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to take cognizance of the issue as well as remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) & (b) Government is aware that some of the animal diseases which are known as zoonotic diseases are transmitted between animals and human beings. Some important diseases of this category are Brucellosis, tuberculosis, anthrax, leptospirosis, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, listeriosis, rabies, Japanese encephalitis, avian influenza, hydatidosis, cysticercosis, toxoplamosis, cryptosporidiosis, rickettsial infections including scrub typhus etc.
Prevention, control and containment of animal diseases including zoonotic diseases are carried out by the State Governments through 11,101 Veterinary Hospitals/ Polyclinics, 22,745 Veterinary Dispensaries and 27,050 Veterinary Aid Centres/ Stockman Centres and Mobile Dispensaries.
(c) In order to supplement the activities of State Governments for prevention control and containment of animal diseases including zoonotic ones, the Central
Government is providing financial assistance through various components of Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) scheme, now renamed as Veterinary Services and Animal Health (VS & AH).

Under the scheme, funds are also provided for Information Education and Communication Campaign to make farmers/animals owners aware of various animal diseases including zoonotic ones and adopting proper bio-security measures. Further, advisories are also issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to the State Governments for under taking necessary prevention control and containment measures for various animal diseases including zoonotic one.
To prevent ingress exotic diseases including zoonotic diseases, the Department has also established six Animal Quarantine and Certification Services. Diagnostic facilities are also available with the States and Veterinary Colleges/ Universities. For providing referral diagnosis, the Department has designated 5 Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RDDLs) and 1 Central Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (CDDL). The Department has also established four pre-fabricated Bio-Safety Level III (BSL III) laboratories (one each at Kolkata, Jalandhar, Bareilly & Bangalore) and one mobile BSL III laboratory is also functional at RDDL at Guwahati, Assam.
National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also providing laboratory support for outbreak investigations and surveillance of zoonotic diseases. Regular training courses are also conducted by NCDC for development of trained manpower in various aspects of zoonotic diseases viz. diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control and guidelines for prevention and control of various zoonotic diseases have also been prepared and widely distributed.

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